



**BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD CARDON  
DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL (SUPPORT)  
TASK FORCE MARNE**

Brigadier General Edward Cardon was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Watsonville, California. He was commissioned as an Engineer officer from the United States Military Academy in 1982.

Brigadier General Cardon's first assignment was with the 17th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, where he was a Platoon Leader and Battalion Maintenance Officer. Upon completion of the Engineer Officer Advance Course, Brigadier General Cardon was assigned to Germany, where he served as a Training Officer in the 130th Engineer Brigade, the Brigade Engineer for 3rd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division, and Commander, C Company, 23rd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Division. In 1990, he joined Operations Group, National Training Center as a staff officer and the engineer company trainer for the Live Fire Team. His follow-on assignment was as a writer and instructor at the United States Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

After graduating from the Naval Command and General Staff College in 1994, Brigadier General Cardon returned to Germany as the Assistant Division Engineer for the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), and as the Executive Officer for the 82nd Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized). In 1996, Brigadier General Cardon became a Staff Geographic Officer for Land Forces Central Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. During this assignment, he was the Chief Geographic Officer in Bosnia-Herzegovina, attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, and returned to Bosnia-Herzegovina as the Chief of the Initiatives Group for the Commander, Stabilization Force (SFOR).

In 1998, Brigadier General Cardon assumed command of the 588th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. From 2000 to 2002, Brigadier General Cardon was a Special Assistant (Strategy) for the Army Chief of Staff at the Pentagon. Brigadier General Cardon graduated from the National War

College at Fort McNair, Washington D.C. in 2003 and assumed command of the 3rd Infantry Division Engineer Brigade in Fallujah, Iraq on June 26, 2003.

In May, 2004 the Engineer Brigade was deactivated under the Army's Modularity initiative. Brigadier General Cardon activated the 4th BCT, 3rd ID on May 26, 2004, the Army's first new BCT under the Modularity initiative. Six months later, the Brigade deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi freedom 04-06 and assumed responsibility for the International Zone and southern Baghdad until January 2006.